

cover in him the first manifestation of the Christlike spirit. At times he raved and tore about like a mad man.

Whatever the provocation no Christian minister could ever make use of such abusive, indecent language as I heard from the platform of Zion Tabernacle on February 26, 1899. How an intelligent person with the faintest ray of gospel light on his conscience can sit from week to week and feed on such disgusting denunciations of every thing and every body that is not in perfect harmony with "Zion's" movements is a mystery I cannot solve. Of one thing I am sure, God works no miracles of healing thru a man who is destitute of the Christlike spirit.

And this is the apostle of divine healing, whose church is "the little white dove" as he calls it. If he is a fair representative of the church we fail to see the gentleness and peaceableness of the dove. And this too is the church which according to Brother Lyon's correspondent will soon swallow up the Brethren church and a multitude of others. God save us from being "swallowed" by an organization out of which proceed such vituperation and poison. The way of Jonah would be more desirable. The reference to our own church which is dear to us, the letter to Brother Lyon from a representative of the Dowie church, extracts of which appear in this issue, and our love for the truth in general, these are the occasion of this editorial. The reader may make his own deduction. This we say, personally we have nothing against Doctor Dowie, nor do we enter into any controversy as to any healing he may have done, but we do eliminate the "divine" from the healings to which he lays claim for the reason that the elements of the divine are lacking.

State Conference

Within the next month three State Conferences will be held as follows:

MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

This Conference meets at Reliance, Va., May 16, 17, and 18. The program has been announced and a good meeting is expected. The members of this Conference district are scattered over three States, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, and it will hardly be expected that every church will be represented by delegate, yet as many as can should attend the meeting, while those too far away may be represented by letter.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Conference meets at Pittsburg, June 6, 7, and 8. The program was printed some time ago, and a special request is made for a good representation. There is no reason why every church in that State should not be represented. The S. S. C. E. has a State organization in Pennsylvania, and Sister McKinley makes an important announcement to all the sisters of the State. Brother J. E. Parsons will, in a few days, send credentials for Sunday school, lay member and ministerial representation. Also

blank reports to be filled out by the different Sunday schools. These blanks and credentials are sent to pastors who are earnestly requested to see that they are properly filled out and either brought to the Conference, or sent to the secretary, J. E. Parsons, Johnstown, Pa. Should you fail to get the credentials next week, or should you not get the required number, write Brother Parsons and he will mail to your address what you need. The success of this part of the work depends almost entirely upon the pastors. If they will do their duty all the churches and Sunday schools will be represented. Look for your credentials and blank reports, and when you get them *see that they are properly used.*

OHIO

The Ohio Conference meets at Louisville, June 8, and continues in session over Sunday. What we have said concerning the Pennsylvania Conference applies equally to the churches and pastors in this State. Blanks and credentials of the same nature will be sent to all pastors in the State and they are requested to have them properly filled out according to instructions, and sent to Conference. Elect your delegates in time, do not wait until the last Sunday before the Conference then either forget the matter or perhaps make an excuse that you had no service on that Sunday. You have time *now*, use it. Let us have the largest and the most enthusiastic Conference we have ever had in the State of Ohio. Our work has not been prospering in this district as it should have and we need to gather our forces together and unite them for the battle. There are too many churches without pastors, and too many pastors without churches. Why should this be so? Let us do something to remedy it. The first step is to be represented at Conference. Come, and make your needs known. Don't be afraid of a little enthusiasm. Brother Kimmel says on another page that he never knew any one to die of enthusiasm. Neither do we, and if we did, it could be very appropriately said of such, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." *See that your church and Sunday-school are represented at the coming Conference.*

God's Patience

Perhaps there is no element of character so nearly allied to spiritual perfection as patience, and perhaps there is at no other point a greater contrast than that which we find between the impatience of human nature, and the calm, wise, merciful patience of God. Have we ever thought of this divine patience as it is illustrated in his dealings with the world? Reflect upon the long ages of sin, of rebellion, of suffering, of imperfection, of human folly in its thousand forms and with its unnumbered provocations,

and yet thru all these tragical centuries God has patiently waited for the coming in of the better life, the brighter knowledge, the warmer love. Then think of his patience with you and me. Let us retrace the history of our own lives, of that inner life of ours which God must thoroughly know, and wonder at the wonderful patience which has borne with our manners for all these years. How sweet and beautiful is God's patience with us; and how patient then, ought we to be with each other. Only love is patient and God's infinite patience is the proof of his infinite love.

A True Picture

Doctor Parkhurst seems to know something about the saloon. He has made them a study, and his opinion or statement of what a saloon is should carry some weight with it. This is what he says about the American saloon: "I know what these saloons are. I have visited them at all hours of the night and on all nights of the week, and there is not an extenuating word that deserves to be spoken in behalf of them. They are foul, beastly, and swinish, the prolific hotbeds of vile politics, profane ribaldry, and unspeakable sensuality. I am talking now of the saloon as we know it here in New York, licensed swilling places, a combination of Tammany caucus, whisky sewer, and bawdy house. There is no use in trying to improve them or to convert them; there is no convertible quality attaching to them; there is no decent ingredient in them that amelioration can fasten to."

Kick Hunters

A "kick hunter" is now employed in some good hotels. He is a man of good appearance, engaging manners, makes himself agreeable with all the guests, dances, plays, tells amusing stories, and is a general good fellow with everybody. At the same time he takes notes of all kicks about the hotel service and reports regularly at headquarters. The necessity for this intermediary arises from the fact that people who patronize the best hotels are usually too well bred to wish to appear as kickers, and rather than acquire so unpopular a reputation they will quietly pack their trunks and get away. The "kick hunter" is supposed by them to be a fellow guest, and they do not know that they are really complaining to the manager. It is hardly necessary in a church, or a publishing house to employ a kick hunter, as very few kicks get lost, or fail to find their way to headquarters. They are rarely ever deterred by that modesty which closes the lips of well bred people, or influenced by that wisdom and charity which for the sake of religion and brotherly kindness will seek in sympathetic and right ways to remedy what appear to them to be defects. The methods of the